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1. Spaak believes agreement on Berlin possible--According to US Ambassador Kirk in Brussels, Premier Spaak has expressed his definite impression that agreement on the Berlin problem may be easier to obtain than present appearances indicate. Spaak thinks that a formula is possible which would not cause either the western powers or the USSR to feel that face had been lost. Spaak is still convinced that the Soviet Union wants a four-power conference on the "whole German problem" and is applying pressure on Berlin to achieve this end.

(CIA Comment: CIA agrees that the Kremlin still wants a renewal of quadripartite discussions on Germany and is trying through the Berlin blockade to maneuver the western powers into re-opening such talks on terms favorable to the USSR.)

2. US urges suspension of British reparations deliveries to USSR--The Department of State has requested US Ambassador Douglas in London to urge the UK to suspend further reparations deliveries from Germany to the Soviet Union until relations with the USSR improve. The Department considers that US public reaction would be harmful to US-UK relations if it became widely known that reparation deliveries were being continued.

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